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5 **Applicant:** Brightman, et al. **Paper No.:** 8

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10 **Title:** *Digital communications processor*

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Response to a non-final Office action

Summary of the prosecution

20 A RCE was filed in the above patent application on 9/5/2005 which contained a Submission with an amended independent claim 14. In a telephone call to Applicants' attorney on 9/19/2005, Examiner proposed an amendment of independent claim 14 of the Submission in which the limitation that the IC was constructed on a single chip was moved to the body of the claim and dependent claim 17's limitation of an aggregator and dependent claim 22's

25 limitation of a context processor were added to the body of claim 14. Applicants' attorney told Examiner he would have to consult with his client concerning the proposal. Examiner mailed the Office action to which Applicants are now responding on 9/21/05, but Applicants' attorney's client did not respond until October 4.

30 In the Office action of 9/21/2005, Examiner rejected claims 14-16 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as anticipated by U.S. Patent 5,794,060, to Hansen (henceforth "Hansen") and also under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being anticipated by Hansen. Examiner rejected claim 17 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hansen in view of U.S. patent 5,535,406, to Kolchinsky (henceforth "Kolchinsky") and claim 22 as being unpatentable over Hansen in view of U.S.

35 patent 5,809,176 to Yajima (henceforth "Yajima").

Applicants have decided that they will accept Examiner's proposal of 9/19/2005 in order to achieve rapid allowance of a patent on their invention, but in so doing they are not conceding the correctness of Examiner's rejections of the claims in the Office action of 9/21/05 or in

prior Office actions and are retaining their right to file a divisional patent application which contains claims 14-23 as presented in the Submission.

Please amend claims 14-23 as follows: